

# The ECHO

*The Newsletter of the Randolph Civic Association*

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## Who Left the Cookies on my Doorstep?

*By Christiana Drapkin*

No doubt many of you have found their own Top-Ten favorite reasons why our Randolph Hills neighborhood is a great place to live. An easy-going sense of community is certainly one of the main aspects that make our neighborhood feel more welcoming and vibrant than others.

One of our key missions is to welcome new residents into our neighborhood with our Welcome Wagon. Three or four times a year, a handful of very busy women (working moms, professionals with their own hectic schedules, intrepid weekend warriors) still make time to do some old-school cookie-baking. We check the latest listings of home sales, and we go pay an old-fashioned visit to each home that's changed hands within the past couple of months. We introduce ourselves as RCA volunteers, welcome our new neighbors, invite them to our RCA Community Meetings, and encourage them to become active in our exchange of ideas and resources to benefit our neighborhood. Together with the cookies, we give out a hand-written note of welcome, as well as a RCA membership signup-form. The surprised smiles we get, and the resulting easygoing

conversations, are priceless.

It may not always be easy to pinpoint what makes a neighborhood feel vital. Not everyone has the same set of expectations or experiences, of course. And a confluence of active people, good neighbors, good schools, safe streets, can intensify or fade from year to year. Rather than taking this happy set of circumstances for granted, we know that it takes some nurturing, too. Communication

helps, starting right here with The Echo, the volunteer-run neighborhood newspaper that you find on your doorstep every month (or so), distributed by our intrepid Boy Scouts. More communication, in real time and disseminated swiftly, via our Randolph Civic list-serve, our yahoo group, helps us spot a lost dog, alerts us to a road closing, invites us to a regional planning meeting, or refers us to local contractors. Apart from this utility-aspect, I often get a sense of comfort



Who brought the cookies? They brought the cookies.

just to hear from some neighbor who I might not have seen all summer long. Yes, little things like that make us feel more connected than just a casual hello across the street when putting out the trash cans.

Dear new neighbors, if we've missed you on our last visit, and you were surprised to find a Tupperware container with cookies and the written material at your door, now you know the who, what, and why. Welcome!

## Upcoming Events

### ***RCA General Membership Meeting***

December 5th, 2013 8:00pm-9:30pm, Veirs Mill Recreation Center

Special Guest: Saul Centers Presents Redevelopment Plans for White Flint

### ***Randolph Hills Caroling***

December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

See page 6 for details!

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## President's Message

by Chad Salganik, RCA President

Fall is here and I hope everyone had a safe and fun Halloween. A few quick updates.

The County Council's Transportation Committee has been debating various aspects of the proposed Bus Rapid Transit plan that was discussed in the last Echo. I'd expect to have a more substantive update in the next Echo once the dust settles.

The only item of note in White Flint development news is that Federal Realty will be upgrading the building that is home to Starbucks and Bank of America at Pike and Rose, which is at the corner of Rockville Pike and Old Georgetown Road. This pad site is 10-15 years from being redeveloped, so Federal Realty is upgrading the facade of the building, increasing landscaping and improving pedestrian access. They are also making room for Chipotle in the old Serenberry space. Most importantly, to me, there will be a larger outdoor seating area in front of Starbucks. Construction is scheduled to kick off this winter and be completed in Summer 2014.

A friendly reminder to send in your annual RCA membership dues or renew online. Our ability to print the Echo that you are reading right now depends on it. For those that have renewed, thank you for continuing to support the RCA!

For the December General Meeting, I have a preliminary commitment from Saul Centers to present their vision for their properties in White Flint. They will be redeveloping the McDonalds property, the Metro Pike Center, and Staples, which is across the street. The development of these properties will change the character of Rockville Pike for the better, based on the renderings I've seen. Once I can confirm that Saul Centers is presenting, I will post a message on the RCA website and Yahoo Group. Hope to see you there on December 5th at 8pm.

Lastly, I am looking forward to the annual holiday caroling outings which bring holiday cheer to our neighborhood. Please mark your calendars, for the evenings of December 2, 9, 16, 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thank you to Christiana Drapkin for starting and continuing this wonderful RCA tradition.

**RCA Telephone Number: (240)668-4722.**

**Recorded announcements of community events, 24 hours a day. Callers may leave messages.**

**Membership in the RCA is \$10.00 per year.**

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The Randolph Civic Association was formed in 1955 and incorporated in 1958. As stated in the original Articles of Incorporation, the purposes of the RCA are "to stimulate interest in all community problems and improvements that will better the general welfare of the community [and] to pay strict attention to any attempt to lessen the value of property within its borders..."

**Web site: [www.randolphcivic.org](http://www.randolphcivic.org)**

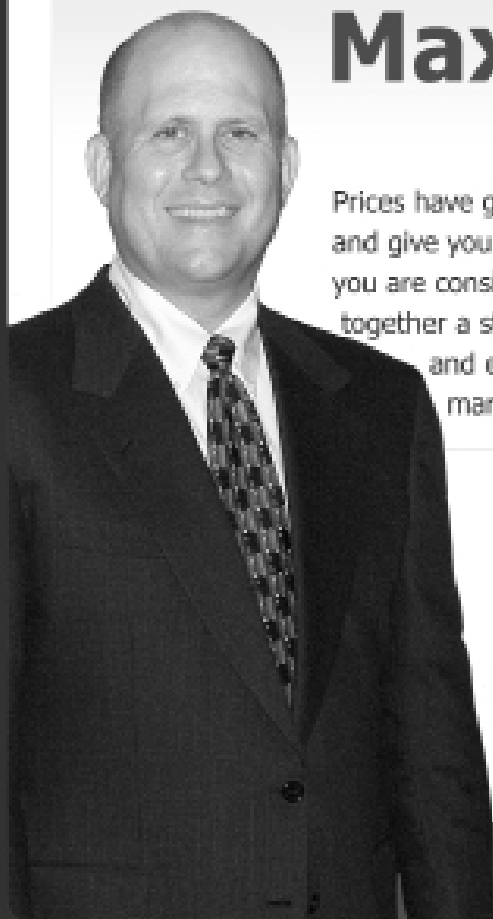
# Chris Mann Real Estate Co.

*Randolph Hills, Randolph Farms, Franklin Park, and Montrose Park Sales*

November 2013 Update

## Last 10 Randolph Civic Area Home Sales

Status	Address	Beds	Baths	Listed	Sold	Sold Date	Seller Help
Sold	11207 Ashley Dr	3	2	\$389,000	\$389,000	10/29/2013	\$10,759
Sold	12012 Galena Rd	5	2	\$345,000	\$347,000	10/23/2013	\$0
Sold	11504 Patapsco Dr	3	2	\$359,900	\$355,000	10/11/2013	\$8,000
Sold	4810 Red Fox Rd	3	1	\$399,900	\$399,900	10/4/2013	\$0
Sold	11104 Rock Rd	3	2	\$350,000	\$345,000	9/26/2013	\$0
Sold	11518 Monongahela Dr	3	2	\$349,900	\$365,000	9/18/2013	\$0
Sold	4803 Boiling Brook Pkwy	5	2	\$349,700	\$340,000	9/13/2013	\$4,500
Sold	4602 Olden Rd	4	3	\$434,990	\$435,000	8/30/2013	\$6,525
Sold	4703 Coachway Dr	3	2	\$374,900	\$377,500	8/22/2013	\$0
Sold	4733 Wyaconda Rd	3	2	\$405,000	\$405,000	8/20/2013	\$0



## Maximizing Your Home Price

Prices have gone up this year significantly. I am happy to analyze your home and give you it's likely sales price. I am an expert in the Rockville market. If you are considering selling this coming year, I am happy to help you put together a strategy to sell your home for its highest possible price. High traffic and exposure are the keys to maximizing price. I will show you how to market, stage and position your home to attract a quality buyer.

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## October General Meeting Minutes

by Jason Ott

1. Call to order: 8:00 PM
  - Delegate Al Carr is in attendance to learn more about our community.
2. Old Business
  - Concerns have been voiced about the intersection at Rocking Horse and Boiling Brook. RCA has asked for efforts to improve this intersection in the past but has not gotten far. We will contact MCDOT again to see if they might be willing to do something about this continued source of frustration. Some suggestions from residents include making it a four-way stop, painting white lines on the pavement where to stop, and marking Boiling Brook better to delineate the lanes.
  - An update was provided on the Wall Park/ Executive Boulevard Abandonment. Chad Salganik reported that a portion of Executive Boulevard will be straightened to ease traffic as part of the White Flint development. The Gables will build a mixed-use development with a garage adjacent to the Aquatic Center. The garage will include parking for the Aquatic Center. The current parking lot will be converted to Wall Park. Parks and Rec is soliciting feedback on how to develop this park.
  - RCA testified in support of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). The plans are in the initial stages. BRT is planned for Randolph Road and will share lanes with other traffic. RCA requested a stop in RCA-land so that our residents will have better access.
3. New Business
  - The development of White Flint is moving along. The Aurora, which is next to Harris Teeter is under construction and will begin delivering units in spring. The Gables will present a plan soon for 450 units.
  - The North Bethesda Gateway filed a sketch plan amendment for Nicholson Lane and Huff Court. The amendment moves to apartments for the site.
  - The Pike and Rose Phase 2 Site Plan is progressing. Part of Pike and Rose opens in Fall of 2014. A hearing will be held on Phase 2, which is the end near Le Madeleine. Phase 3 is five to ten years away.
  - Saul Centers has presented a sketch plan to a community committee. This includes the building with Staples. The plan was re-designed and re-presented. It now includes two residential buildings and one office building.
  - The RCA Fun Run is Saturday, October 5th, starting at 10 AM. Runners can sign up on the website. The run is a 5K around RCA-land. A Kids Fun Run will follow.
  - The RCA Community Day Picnic will be held after the run from noon to 2 PM in the gazebo area.
  - A complaint was made on the hotline about residents hanging clothes in their front yard. The county allows residents to do this.
  - The Luxmanor Civic Association Meeting on

White Flint Development Projects will be October 10th, at 7:30 PM, at Trinity Church. Different developers will be present to share their plans.

- The Friends of White Flint has a promotion with Paladar. A donation of \$25 to Friends of White Flint will get you a \$25 for Paladar (Note: this promotion ended October 8th).
  - RCA will try to get a speaker from Saul Centers to present in December. We may look at an additional speaker, as well.
  - The RCA Community Yard Sale is October 12th, at Loehmann's Plaza. The Boy Scout troupe is taking over managing this long-standing community event.
4. Standard Business
    - The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
    - The Treasurer was absent so no report was provided.
    - The Safety Committee reported that there have been some thefts from cars. There is a Neighborhood Watch list that residents can join if they would like. This group receives the police reports. If you are interested, please contact Mara Greengrass.
  5. The RCA meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

### Join Your Neighbors Online



The RCA Yahoo Group is a great resource for keeping up with happenings in RCA land. Need a recommendation for a local handyman? Looking for a babysitter or dog walker? Want to learn more about local activities? Have an idea to improve our neighborhood?

Get in on the conversation at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/randolphca/>

# Garrett Park Bridge is falling down, falling down, falling down

by Matthew Tifford

Those of you who use Garrett Park Road to get in and out of Randolph Hills may have noticed new signage approaching Garrett Park Road bridge, warning of vehicle weight limitations. These new signs have been installed because MCDOT engineers have determined that the Garrett Park Road bridge is failing and needs to be replaced. Don't worry, the bridge is not going to collapse underneath you, but MCDOT wants to make sure the bridge remains safe until they can replace it, so the fewer large vehicles the better.

Right now, the replacement project is in the planning phase, which will take about a year to complete. At that point, MCDOT will notify the surrounding communities with details.

According to one of the MCDOT engineers I spoke with, there are two likely scenarios that we may be presented with. The first would be that they close the bridge completely and replace it. This would be the fastest option, and would take about two months to complete. The second scenario would be to replace half the bridge at a time, always keeping one lane open for traffic. The downside of this would be that construction would take anywhere from twelve to eighteen months, and there would be a traffic light installed to manage the single lane traffic.

Bear in mind that these are likely scenarios, they are not certain. We won't really know what our options are until around this time next year.



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&  
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7:30PM



Sultans of String  
THU, DEC 5, 7:30PM



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## Where Do We Live? Part 3 of 3: WHITE FLINT!

by Lindsay Hoffman

*With this Echo issue, we continue the argument, er, conversation about the proper name for where we live – are we in Rockville? Or North Bethesda? Or White Flint?*

Over the last two Echos, we've had a lively series discussing where we live. While many of us call our community "Rockville," as advocated by Mara, our county has a City of Rockville with defined borders. RCA-land isn't in there. Others call our community "North Bethesda," as advocated by Matt. This is a little closer because our neighborhoods are included in the county Planning Department's North Bethesda/Garrett Park Master Plan. But, this Master Plan also includes areas like Twinbrook, Grosvenor, the Town of Garrett Park and White Flint.

That's the problem with living in a county with so little incorporated space. Many of the names we use are manufactured because there are no defining borders. So, why use the name of a city we're not in? Why use a contrived name that piggybacks on a community five miles to our south? Might this be a time to forge our own path? What if we call ourselves White Flint?\*

I know what you're thinking – White Flint is a mall, or a metro station. It's not where we live. And, you're right, sort of. The White Flint Sector Plan is spurring redevelopment throughout our area with the goal of transforming Rockville Pike and its local surrounds into a more mixed-use, walkable destination. A combination of restaurants, retail, residential, green space and other amenities has the potential for completely shifting our area. The White Flint Sector is poised to become the economic engine of our county and, therefore, our state.

Although the plan presently stops at the railroad tracks, the second phase (called White Flint II) does incorporate a chunk of Randolph Hills. So, if we're going to hop on a bandwagon, why not align ourselves with the most exciting and forward-thinking changes our county has ever undertaken?

\*It is possible that, as the White Flint Sector Plan is implemented, a new name emerges to define the area. If that happens, please substitute it everywhere you see "White Flint" here.

**Hey You! Yeah I'm Talking to You!**  
**If you haven't already, don't forget to re-**  
**new your membership! The membership**  
**form is on page 15. If you can't remember**  
**if you already renewed or not, just email**  
**info@randolphcivic.org or call the RCA ho-**  
**ttline at 240-668-4722. Thanks!**

## Holiday Caroling Returns to Randolph Hills!

By Christiana Drapkin

This will be our fifth year of door-to-door holiday caroling in our neighborhood. Please mark your Mondays in December for our holiday tradition. We have four Mondays before Christmas Eve this year: December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

We'd love to have you join us for as many evenings as possible for home-grown holiday cheer. We meet at 6:30 p.m. for cookies and hot cider, and bit of conversation, at one designated house in the neighborhood. This gives us a chance to meet newcomers and to say hello to old friends. We marvel how the kids have grown. Some were with us as arms-in-babes and in strollers in years past, and now they're zooming through school. None of us grown-ups have gotten any older, just better. Everybody receives our song sheets per email ahead of time; but we always keep extra copies. Make sure you bring a flashlight, and dress warmly.

Then we amble through the neighborhood streets, while the kids stay on the sidewalks or do somersaults on some front lawns. We all sing as best we can, with a lot of laughter, and some of us manage to harmonize in parts. Most folks come to the door and smile and are genuinely pleased. No, we don't take donations, but we're always happy for an extra cookie, and we're extra-pleased if neighbors and passers-by chime in and sing along. It's all just for the fun of it all.

Around 8:30 p.m. we arrive at our endpoint, the residence of another neighbor who volunteers to host us. In case it got a bit chilly outside, this is a welcome time to get really warm with some hot cocoa or hot cider waiting for us, along with more cookies and the warm greetings of our hosts. We launch into another couple of lusty renditions of our favorite songs, and of course we honor requests. And then it's time to go home and say, "Can't wait to see you again next Monday!"

If you want to host us at the start of our caroling tours, or welcome us at the end, we're always grateful for your hospitality. Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts, Moms and Dads, let us know if you want to team up with us again. Each week we'll try to cover another part of our Randolph Hills neighborhood within a comfortable walking radius. One Monday we might be over by Schuykill, another week in Franklin Park, which leaves us plenty of ground to cover between Rocking Horse and Boiling Brook on two more Mondays.

We'd also love to pay a visit to some houses of our elderly or homebound neighbors, who might appreciate being serenaded on their front lawn (no further intrusion or obligation).

Contact Christiana Drapkin on the RCA listserve, or at chdrapkin@aol.com, or at (301) 770-7940. You can join on any or all of the above dates.

# The RCA Hotline

240-668-4722 (4RCA)

Calls Received October 8th, 2013  
through November 1st, 2013



*General Note: The RCA gets a lot of calls about code violations (untagged cars, tall grass, etc). Please note that phone numbers for agencies that handle such matters are published on the website. You don't have to leave your name or phone number. The RCA reserves the right to not publish any calls that could be viewed as solicitations or calls longer than 1.5 minutes due to the time it takes to transcribe and cost to publish. You can always email the RCA at [info@randolphcivic.org](mailto:info@randolphcivic.org) or submit an article for publication to the Echo editor.*

10-12-13 (Sat) at 2:22pm. Not Anonymous. Via [info@RandolphCivic.org](mailto:info@RandolphCivic.org). Hi Randolph Civic Association, Are the 5k race results posted somewhere? Thanks. [RCA note: They were published in the last issue of the Echo.]

10-17-13 (Thurs) at 9:11am. Not Anonymous. Via [info@RandolphCivic.org](mailto:info@RandolphCivic.org). Hi, is it possible for me to rent the community center on Garrett Park Road for a short amount of time? I think it's a community center. It's the building where RCA meets. [RCA Note: That building is managed by the parks department. For more information go to <http://www.montgomeryparks.org>]

10-17-13 (Thurs) at 1:09pm. Anonymous. Montrose Baptist Church on Randolph Road is for sale so we have started a new church in our neighborhood. It's called the Open Door Baptist Church and it's at 12022 Parklawn Drive, right across the street from the U-Haul. It's at the corner of Parklawn and Randolph in the ground floor of that office building; we have to start somewhere! So come on out and hear the message on Sunday mornings at 11 and Sunday evenings at 6. We'll be glad to see you. Everyone's welcome so thank you and see you there.

10-18-13 (Fri) at 3:32pm. Not Anonymous. Hello. This is about Matt Tifford's article about whether we are in North Bethesda or somewhere else. If you look at the map issued by the Park and Planning Commission, we are in the area of North Bethesda. It's very clear and very defined. That is our address. I mentioned it at a civic association over 20 years ago and I thought people would kill me because they thought their taxes would immediately go up if they were in North Bethesda.

10-23-13 (Wed) at 9:50am. Not Anonymous.

Dear RCA Board, I am writing to you as the Director of Kensington Wheaton Youth Services, a program at the Mental Health Association that helps families in the Wheaton and Aspen Hill areas meet their basic needs and improve their mental health. Each fall we work with community groups to provide food at Thanksgiving and gifts in December to more than 500 school aged children in need. This year, 30 of the families we are hoping to help are from the Viers Mill Elementary School community. I lived in Franklin Park for 10 years and know that the families in the RCA area care deeply about their neighbors and their community. I am hopeful that RCA families might be interested in providing Thanksgiving food (food baskets or grocery gift cards) and/or holiday gifts for local children. Would the RCA or the scout troops in the RCA area consider coordinating a drive to collect gift cards, food, or gifts from RCA families to support the children of Viers Mill Elementary School? Let me know I meet be able to contact to discuss this possibility. Thanks! Robin Brannan, Director, Kensington Wheaton Youth Services at Mental Health Association

## Support Your Local Boy Scouts

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# Holiday Safety Tips from the County Police

By Captain Dave Falcinelli, Commander – 2nd District

As the holidays are quickly approaching, it is important to remember that many criminals view this time of year as an opportunity for them to ply their trade. I ask that each of you once again review the following information and use good common sense and judgment to help prevent you from becoming the victim of a crime.

## Shopping

If you are one to brave the malls during the holidays, please remember the following:

1. Limit the amount of cash you carry and do not readily display it when making purchases.
2. Place any items purchased in your locked trunk. If you cannot do this, then cover them up with a blanket to deter a break-in.
3. Remove all gifts and other valuables from your car immediately upon getting home. You may be exhausted but you need to bring them inside to a secured area.
4. Look for suspicious people in parking garages and call security or the police immediately.

If you are like me and let your fingers do the shopping on-line, you still need to take precautions:

1. Be sure you are shopping at reputable sites. If a deal seems too good to be true, it is probably a scam to get your credit card information.
2. Arrange for deliveries during times you will be home or leave instructions for the packages to be delivered to a trusted neighbor. Packages that are left unattended on front porches are an invitation to be stolen.

## Vacations

Whether you are going away for a week, a weekend or just overnight, you need to make sure that your house appears to be occupied to deter burglars from choosing your home.

1. Place indoor and outdoor lights/televisions/radios on timers set for different times of the day and night.
2. Make sure mail and newspaper/mail delivery is cancelled or picked up by a neighbor on a daily basis.
3. Put gifts away so a burglar looking into your window will see nothing and move on to another house.
4. Lock your cars and remove all valuables including any garage door openers.
5. Lock the garage door and the door leading from the garage to the house.

## Telemarketers/Solicitors

Do not fall prey to scam charities trying to take advantage of your holiday goodwill.

1. Ask the caller to provide you with their name, address, telephone and tax ID#, so you can call them back if you decide to make a donation.
2. Do not answer the door if you are not comfortable doing so. Ask the solicitor to display his license or leave literature on the porch for you to review later.
3. Call the police if you encounter any suspicious people in your neighborhood.

## General safety

1. Cell phone usage during driving is now a primary offense. Please pay attention to the road.
2. Watch for pedestrians, especially now that we are losing daylight.
3. Use a designated driver or a taxi if you are celebrating with alcohol.

Thanks for continuing to work with us. We just added five new rookies to our staff and they are excited to be part of the 2nd District community.

Captain Dave Falcinelli, Commander – 2nd District.  
301-652-9200

***Do you know what else isn't safe? Not renewing your RCA membership! If you haven't already, don't forget to renew! The membership form is on page 15. If you can't remember if you already renewed or not, just email [info@randolph-civic.org](mailto:info@randolph-civic.org) or call the RCA hotline at 240-668-4722. Thanks!***



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## Deer-proof Bulbs and other Spring-bulb Planting Tips

By Karen Helfert

Success with spring bulbs depends on soil conditions and available sun, in addition to how resistant they are to various animal pests, such as deer, rabbits, squirrels, moles/voles. Deer "proofing" sprays can be tried. Deer "candy" such as tulips can be planted in containers and placed on decks...or front porches if more than about three-plus steps.

But remember: NO plant or bulb is deer proof. If they are really hungry, deer will eat anything.

Deer resistant plants tend to smell strongly (herbs); or have a lot of hairs on the leaves (often looking silvery); or taste bad and/or are poisonous.

Suggestions for bulbs include (and these are usually widely available; the bigger the bulb the better): DAF-FODILS/NARCISUS - huge variety of colors, bloom time, height; GRAPE HYACINTH (Muscari) - shades of blue or white may have green highlights, 4-9"; SCILLA, SQUILL or STAR OF HOLLAND (Scilla siberica) - blue and white, 5-8"; SNOWDROPS (Galanthus nivalis) - Clear milk white, usually with emerald green tipped inner segments, 4-6"; WINTER ACONITE (Eranthis cilicica) - yellow, 2-4"; ALLIUM (also rodent resistant) - white, yellows, pink and purple, wide variety in sizes/shapes, most widely known have pom pom type heads on tall, straight stalks; DWARF IRIS (Iris reticulata) - white, blue, purple; may have yellow markings, 4-6"; SIBERIAN SQUILL - true-blue flower, 3-8"; CROCUS - highly vulnerable to squirrels digging up and eating or replanting someplace else; GLORY OF THE SNOW (Chinodoxa forbesii) - multiple blue, star-shaped blossoms with white centers, 4-6"; HYACINTH - rich blues to vibrant magentas and pinks to cool yellow and whites; EARLY STARDRIFT (Puschkinia libanotica) - silvery blue/white, 6-12"; FRITILLARIA - wide variety in sizes/shapes, checkered reddish-brown, purple, white and gray, 6 - 15".

Plant most bulbs where they get at least 6 hours of full sun. Shade from deciduous trees (maples, dogwood, oaks, etc.) is usually not an issue since most spring bulbs will have finished blooming before leaves appear on the tree.

If you have a lot of tree roots, rocks, or existing plants, stick to smaller bulbs that don't have to be planted more than 2 to 4 inches deep. In turf areas, the grass can be peeled back and holes can be dug for multiple bulbs to be planted.

Bulbs can be planted in layers. Dig a trench 8-12" deep. Plant daffodils in the bottom, add some soil, and then plant some other bulbs. Repeat until "trench" is filled. It creates a nice affect with different bloom times.

## Changes to Maryland traffic laws regarding cell phones and seatbelts

By PO3 Oliver M. Janney, Community Service Officer, 2nd District Police

The following, courtesy of the Montgomery County Police Department 2d District, details new laws effective Oct. 1:

- Any driver using hands to use a handheld telephone while a motor vehicle is in motion will be committing a primary traffic offense: first offense is an \$83.00 fine, including court costs; Second offense is a \$140.00 fine; Third and subsequent offense is a \$160.00 fine. If the violation contributed to an accident, three (3) points will also be assessed in addition to the fine.
- Any driver using hands to use handheld telephone while operating a commercial motor vehicle, first offense is a \$290.00 fine and also a primary traffic offense.

The following violations are now \$83.00 fines:

- Failing to secure a child under age of 8 in a child safety seat when transporting in a motor vehicle.
- Failing to transport a child under age of 16 in (child safety seat per instructions, seatbelt).
- Using a (child safety seat, seatbelt) to (restrain, seat, position) more than one individual.
- Operating a motor vehicle with (operator, occupant under age 16) not restrained by (seatbelt, child safety seat).
- Passenger age 16 or more in outboard front seat of motor vehicle without seatbelt restraint. Example of an "outboard front seat" is a front passenger seat next to a door.

New Secondary traffic offense:

- Passenger age 16 or more in rear seat of motor vehicle without seatbelt restraint. The fine is \$83.00, including court costs.

***Do you know what else is criminal? Not renewing your RCA membership! If you haven't already, don't forget to renew! The membership form is on page 15. If you can't remember if you already renewed or not, just email [info@randolph-civic.org](mailto:info@randolph-civic.org) or call the RCA hotline at 240-668-4722. Thanks!***

## Help a Neighbor in Need

By Robin Brannon

Kensington Wheaton Youth Services (KWYS), one of several programs of the Mental Health Association, is partnering with the RCA this year to collect holiday gifts and other items for families experiencing hardships this holiday season.

Each year KWYS helps more than 500 families in our area to meet their basic needs and improve their mental health. You may have seen signs for KWYS at the Holiday Park Senior Center, where the program provides low cost family counseling for children and teens. KWYS staff also works directly with school staff in 11 schools, including our own Viers Mill Elementary School, Loiederman Middle School and Parkland Middle School to provide a school-based program called Linkages to Learning. Linkages to Learning, which is funded primarily by the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, offers mental health services, support, and educational programs to children and families. All families with children enrolled at Viers Mill ES are eligible for services. Civic associations, churches, and other groups are partnering with KWYS in November and December to provide grocery gift cards and holiday gifts to families who are participating in the Linkages to Learning program.

This year KWYS needs our community's help to meet the needs of Viers Mill families! To support a child or family for the holidays, please contact Ashley Salganik at [ashleysalganik@gmail.com](mailto:ashleysalganik@gmail.com). You will receive a wish list and clothing sizes for each child. To learn more about the Linkages to Learning program at Viers Mill, contact Site Coordinator Veronica Peñaranda at 301-929-5598. For information about Kensington Wheaton Youth Services or the county-wide efforts of the Linkages to Learning program, contact KWYS Director Robin Brannon at 301-424-0656 ext. 518 or by email at [rbrannon@mhmc.org](mailto:rbrannon@mhmc.org). Thank you for your kindness this holiday season!

## Ayude a sus Vecinos

By Robin Brannon

Servicios para los Jóvenes en Kensington y Wheaton (KWYS) trabaja este año con la asociación RCA para obtener regalos para la navidad o hanukah y otras necesidades para familias en nuestra comunidad.

Cada año KWYS ayuda más de 500 familias en las escuelas de Wheaton y Aspen Hill a obtener los necesidades básicas y mejorar su salud mental. Los empleados de KWYS trabajan directamente en 11 escuelas, incluyendo las nuestras Viers Mill, Loiederman, y Parkland para proveer un programa que se llama Enlaces Para el Aprendizaje. Enlaces ("Linkages"), con recursos del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos, ofrece consejería, apoyo, y programas educativos a los estudiantes de las escuelas públicas y sus familias. Cada familia con niños asistiendo a la escuela Viers Mill puede buscar servicios en este programa. Los clientes del programa pueden obtener ayuda para comprar comida para Thanksgiving o regalos para la Navidad. (Es requerido ser cliente del programa en Octubre o antes para recibir ayuda para la Navidad.)

Este año las familias de la RCA tienen la oportunidad de ayudar a las familias de Enlaces para el Aprendizaje. Para apoyar a un niño o una familia, por favor llame a Ashley Salganik a [ashleysalganik@gmail.com](mailto:ashleysalganik@gmail.com). Recibirá una lista de deseos y los tamaños de cada niño. Para más información en español o información sobre los servicios disponibles en la escuela Viers Mill, llame a Veronica Peñaranda at 301-929-5598. Para información en general de Enlaces Para el Aprendizaje o Servicios para los Jóvenes de Kensington y Wheaton, llame a la directora del programa Robin Brannon al 301-424-0656 ext. 518. Gracias por su generosidad!

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## Venture Crew 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

For October, Venture Crew 1083's monthly "Venture Out" event featured dinner and a show. On Monday night, October 21st, the Venturers met for dinner at California Tortilla in Rockville Town Center. Afterwards, they headed over to the Regal Cinema to take in a showing of "Gravity." The Crew's consensus review of the evening? Thumbs up!

On Saturday morning, November 9th, the Venture Crew participated, along with other Scout groups, in the annual Scouting for Food service event (see Troop 1083 news for details).

The Crew will be selling fresh wreaths at the Troop 1083 Christmas Tree lot (Masonic Lodge, corner of Knowles and Howard). Be sure to stop by and say hello. And who knows? We might even have some snacks and hot cider for sale.

If you're a girl or boy aged 14 through 21 and you can keep up with us, you might like to join us. Crew 1083 is a friendly bunch, always ready to welcome new members. We meet Monday nights at 7:30 pm at Viers Mill ES. For more information, contact Crew advisor Greg Skolnik at 301-942-3755, or visit <http://www.crew1083.org/>.

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## Community Clean-Up, November 16th

by Lindsay Hoffman

One of the main missions of the Randolph Civic Foundation is the beautification of our community. To complement the annual Earth Day cleanup that spans our neighborhoods each spring, we are hosting a Fall Community Clean-Up on Saturday, November 16th. Please meet at 9am in the Randolph Hills Shopping Center parking lot and join your neighbors as we tackle high-need areas throughout RCA-land. Our County Parks Department will supply us with gloves and garbage bags, so bring the family for a great opportunity to improve our community! Many hands will make light work!

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The Randolph Civic Foundation originated in 1996. It was formed to provide educational and charitable services to the Randolph Community. The address is: Randolph Civic Foundation, PO Box 489, Garrett Park, MD 20896-0489

[www.RandolphCivicFoundation.org](http://www.RandolphCivicFoundation.org) - Phone: 240-389-4723

## Troop 1083 News

By Ben Pitkin, Assistant Scoutmaster

On the weekend of October 18-20, Troop 1083 camped out at the nearby Cabin John campground and on Saturday the 19th, they held their fall Court of Honor to recognize all of the Scouts' achievements since June, including all those merit badges earned at summer camp. In all, over 100 Merit Badges, Special Awards, and patches were distributed among the 40-plus Scouts who earned them. In addition, many Scouts earned rank advancements. Congratulations to all!

On November 9, Troop 1083 teamed with Girl Scout Troop 1028, Cub Scout Pack 1081, and Venture Crew 1083 for one of scouting's signature community service events, the annual Scouting for Food drive. Scouts and Venturers went door-to-door and collected non-perishable food items donated by RCA-Land and Holiday Park residents. Each year, your food donations are delivered to the Manna and the Washington Area Food Bank, where they are distributed to those in need. Sincere thanks to the many generous food donors.

Don't forget to look for Santa Claus! He'll be coming to town on Sunday, December 22nd for his annual fire truck ride through RCA-Land. Santa will begin his ride around 11:00 am in the Troy Road section. Then he and his elves will proceed to the areas south of Boiling Brook. Santa will continue in the areas north of Boiling Brook, until reaching Timber Lane where he and his helpers will stop for a cookie break around 1:30 pm.

After the break, Santa will continue with the remainder of areas north of Boiling Brook and then proceed to the Rocking Horse Center area, finishing in Westminster, Franklin Park, and Montrose Park at about 4:00 pm.

During his ride through RCA-Land, Santa's elves will be walking alongside the fire truck passing out candy canes. We ask drivers to please remember to yield to these young pedestrians, and to please be patient if you happen to get caught behind Santa's fire truck. Thanks in advance for helping make Santa's ride a safe one!

Troop 1083's annual holiday tree sale will be held at the Masonic Lodge, on the corner of Knowles and Howard Avenues just east of Beach Drive, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on the following dates (Saturdays and Sundays): November 30 and December 1, December 7 and 8, December 14 and 15, December 21 and 22 (if needed—shop early before we run out!) Free delivery to Randolph Hills area! All trees are \$50. Selections include Fraser Fir, Douglas Fir, Canaan Fir, Norway Spruce, and Table Tops (Table Tops will be priced accordingly). Venture Crew 1083 will also be selling fresh Christmas Wreaths.

If you are a boy who has finished the 5th grade, you can join Boy Scout Troop 1083. We meet Monday nights at 7:30 pm at Viers Mill ES. Call Scoutmaster Dave Talbott at 301-933-0048. Check out the troop web page at [www.troop1083.org](http://www.troop1083.org).



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***If you haven't already, don't forget to renew your membership!***

# The Randolph Civic Association

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